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# A PROCLAMATION,

For a Publick General FAST throughout the Kingdom of Scotland.

*At Edinburgh, the eight day of August, one thousand six hundred and sixty five years.*



Whereas much as it has pleased Almighty G D D to visit the City of London, places adjacent, and several other Towns and Villages of the Kingdom of England with the sore plague of Pestilence; So that all Commerce and Trade into that Kingdom has been prohibited and forbidden, lest by importing of Commodities, the Plague might be brought into this Kingdom, to the great prejudice and danger of the Kingdom: And seeing it has been moved to the Council, from the Right Reverend Fathers the Archbishops and Bishops, that a general Fast may be appointed and kept throughout this Kingdom, for imploring the goodness and protection of Almighty G D D, that in his infinite mercy, he may preserve this Kingdom from that calamity, and compassionate the sufferings of those that are visited therewith in England, and prevent the spreading thereof in all places, which by his mercy are yet preserved from it: As likewise, that the L D D may bless this Kingdom with a fair and fruitful harvest, that the Fruits of the ground may be reaped for the comfort and maintenance of the people. Therefore, the Lords of his Majesties Privy Council, by these presents, command and charge, That a Fast be religiously and solemnly kept throughout the whole Kingdom, by all Subjects and People within the same, upon the second Wednesday of September next to come, in this instant year of G D D, being the thirteenth day of the said Month; requesting hereby, the Reverend Archbishops and Bishops to give notice hereof to the Ministers in their respective Diocesses, that upon the L D D day immediately preceding the said thirteenth of September, they make publick intimation thereof in every Parish Church; and that they exhort all their Parishioners to a sober and devout performance of the said Fast and Humiliation, as they tender the favour of Almighty G D D, the preservation of their native Country, and the suffering condition of their Neighbours and fellow Subjects in England: Certifying all who shall contemn or neglect such a religious and necessary duty, they shall be proceeded against as contemners of Authority, neglecters of religious Services, and unnatural and profane Persons. And Ordains these presents to be printed and published, that none pretend ignorance.

*Pet. Wedderburne, Cl. S<sup>d</sup> Concilii.*

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